

American Freedman's Union Commission,

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My dear Garrison:

Though I have not sent you
a letter I have not been unmind-
ful of you. In drawing up the
annual Report of the N.Y. Branch
and in writing the matter for
an Freedman for this month, I
have had you in view and have
had pleasure in collating the
facts which I have presented
from the consideration that you
could turn them to good ac-
count. Please read on this
number as in many respects
a letter from me to you. It
will give you, what I have
said you, all I know about
the Freedmen's movement of
most present interest.

I shall find you from a report
from our Com. Napoleon to the
Paris Conference. The duty of
drawing up such a paper was
confided to Mr. Abbott, Mr.
Hann, myself to and Chief Jus-
tice Chase & Gen. Howard.
Mr. Abbott drew up the report;
Mr. Hann & I revised it; &
the Chief Justice & Gen. How-
ard have approved & sub-
scribed to it. It is an outline
-history of our movement
from its origin till this time;
it "sets forth in order a decla-
ration of those things which
are most purely believed
among us. Of course it is
not in character; avoid-
ing details, & allusion to
persons or parties.

on our point it is not as ex-
plicit - I mean to say - it is
not as full as under a flight
change of circumstances, I
should want it to be. In ac-
knowledging our indebtedness
to our foreign co-laborers, we
have not expressed what we
feel in regard to the pre-
eminent value & effective-
ness of English co-operation.
England has done & given &
wasted more than all the
continental nations put to-
gether; but as the Congress is
to be composed largely of French
men, Germans, Swiss & others,
it would not do for us to
draw or even imply com-
parisons. I must ask you
therefore in the concluding
words, while in England,

to supplement our lack by ma-
king most distinct acknow-
ledgments of our obligations
and expressing our most pro-
found & sincere gratitude.

They have given us nearly one
hundred thousand pounds ster-
ling, nearly a half-a-million
dollars in gold, ~~not~~ over a
half-a-million of dollars in
currency! and the American
Corporation can live! This
is a fact which should be
known the world over, to
the honor of England & the credit
of humanity. - It is such facts as
these that bind together, with ties
that cannot be broken, two great
nations. Relief from America for
Lancashire spinners; relief from
England for American freedmen! -
these are the great peace ma-
kens between the two countries!
Worth in fact more than two mil-
lions in the most costly diplomacy.

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our cause gets an admirably
what it has effected is its best
commendation. one year more
will put it out of the reach
of danger. a good cup of
corn & cotton

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July 2. Tuesday.

Dear Father: - Mr. McKim goes
off suddenly to Philadelphia this morning
without coming in to town; hence
the lack of any signature to the
above. - I congratulate you on the
dinner of Saturday, but I want to
learn what you said when, accord-
ing to the Tribune's virulent Cable
dispatch yesterday, you "delivered
yourself in your usual style." We
have your letter on the eve of cross-
ing the Channel, & have enjoyed your
dilemma with Mr. Cockin.

On Saturday I sent a letter to
Frank to Mr. Cheson's care, & next

J. M. McKim
July 2, 1867

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Saturday I shall send to Harry for
M. Tourgueneff a copy of the book
wh. I speak of in my letter to F.
Will you please ask Harry to expect
it at Bowler, Drevet & Co. 's?

We are all well at Angelot, in
the midst of a season not exempt
from rain but still fine. Lloyd
flourishes as he ought, and grows daily
in good looks. His Rockledge friends
shall see him in September. We
celebrated Agnes's 1st birthday by
having her 22 photo. taken with him-
self & Ellie. The result for the baby
is even more cunning than before. No
doubt you will get a copy. — Uncle
Henry spent Friday night with us,
& we gave him a superb view from
Eagle Rock. He had never been there
till then & was delighted.

My love to Fanny & Frank, to
Harry when you write, & to Mr.
Thompson. Ever your affectionate son
Wendell